

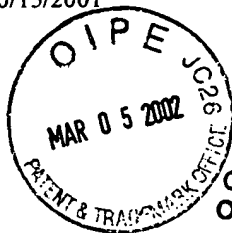


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Title: METHOD FOR THE SELECTION (PUNCTURING) OF DATA BITS

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Respectfully submitted,

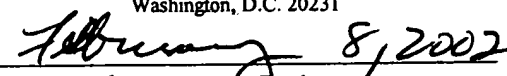
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